AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 14, the paragraph including line 9 is amended as follows:

Another embodiment of the invention comprises an apparatus that utilizes a set of components distributed across a network. In this embodiment a server that has a text-to-speech engine obtains a document comprising text from a document source (e.g., memory or another computer) and converts some or all of the text in the document into an audio file. A thin-client (e.g., a user interface device) obtains the audio file from the server via network connection and an audio output device associated with the thin-client plays the audio file to the user of the thin-client. If the user desires to make a comment about the document, the user may provide verbalized input (e.g., comments and/or annotations) to an audio input device associated with the thin-client. Once the user provides such input, the input is transmitted to the server computer where the file is stored as an audio comment file (e.g., in the associations data structure). The server computer comprises an annotator that is configured to associate the audio comment file with a location in the document that corresponds to the portion of the audio file playing when the user provided the comment.